

# Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

## Jobless rates down in 101 counties from October 2011 to October 2012

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** October's preliminary and September's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Oct12charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 20, 2012)** — Unemployment rates fell in 101 Kentucky counties between October 2011 and October 2012, while 17 county rates increased and two stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.6 percent. It was followed by Scott County, 6 percent; Fayette, Shelby and Union counties, 6.2 percent each; Oldham County, 6.3 percent; Franklin and Madison counties, 6.4 percent each; Larue County, 6.5 percent; and Bracken, Caldwell, Jessamine, Owen and Webster counties, 6.6 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 15.5 percent. It was followed by Fulton County, 14.7 percent; Knott and Letcher counties, 13.5 percent each; Leslie County, 13.4 percent; Bell, Harlan and Jackson counties, 13 percent; and Perry and Wolfe counties, 12.4 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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